
MINUTES EMS EDUCATION COMMITTEE

February 9, 2004

Wayne Township Fire Department Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

Members Present:	Ron Parsons	Judy Hallam
	Tina Butt	Steve Garrison
	Ed O'Farrell	Steve Grammer
	John Zartman	Suzan Henke
Staff :	Tony Pagano	Sam Steinhilber
Guests:	Deanna Hawkins	Leon Bell
	Dan Burgei	Mark Mangrum

Discussion regarding actions at the last Commission meeting of 2003. Everything presented by the Committee for action by the Commission was accepted except for the CPAP recommendation.

OLD BUSINESS

PI Course . . .

Tony opened the meeting by discussing the PI course recommendation by the Education Committee regarding the instructor in the classroom issue. His feeling is that we may not want to push the issue of no instructor in the classroom in an EMT class.

Judy Hallam presented comments toward the committee's original interpretation when we made the recommendation. The original thought was to allow for a "specialty/technical" instructor to teach a class within the EMT course without the presence of an EMT instructor in the classroom at all times. There has been a request to have a non-PI teach an EMT class under the auspices of a PI. Committee members in attendance agreed that the thrust of the original recommendation should stay the same and suggested that we pull the recommended change in the PI oversight of the class until we could get a better overview of the new PI course just released.

A subcommittee to review the new PI course on the NHTSA website was formed.

John Zartman, Judy Hallam, Tony Pagano, Ed O'Farrell, and Steve Garrison are on the committee. There will be a report at our meeting on the new curriculum and we'll discuss the "PI in the classroom" issue.

Training Institution Accreditation . . .

The next item of business was "training institution accreditation." **Tony** discussed requirements for accreditation to meet CAAHEP (sic). Does the membership want to put together a group to look at this to determine if there is a need for a separate set of rules for advanced life support institutions? There is a suggestion that Indiana may want to go

away from national credentialing in part based upon costs. After considerable discussion on the subject a motion was made to leave it alone and never, never discuss this stuff again. Motion by Grammer, seconded by Herrington. Three in favor, four against. Motion defeated. Motion by Garrison to further look at the feasibility/possibility of an alternative to national accreditation at the state level. Seconded by John Zartman. Five ayes, three nays.

Credentialing and Testing . . .

Rule change states the state will accept national registry at the basic level as long as their curriculum meets or exceeds Indiana requirements. Indiana course participants will now have the opportunity to take either National Registry or state testing. If they take National Registry and they have successfully completed an Indiana-approved class, they will not have to take the Indiana written certification examination. The State will not pay for the National Registry examination.

Suggestion to develop a internet-based review course for out-of-state individuals who need to update to the states requirements and then deliver an internet test for update.

Suggestion to establish quality assurance evaluators to do site visits of exam sites.

Course Additions . . .

Tony sent e-mails out regarding something St. V's is doing on-line through Texas A&M to do terrorism and hazmat training. No charge. Can't verify meeting the HazMat Operations level didactic objectives. It does meet most of the Awareness level objectives. Please review this information. The e-mail address is www.teexwmdcampus.com.

The driving laws required by recent commission activity are already on the SEMA website.

John Zartman brought to the attention of the group that the intermediate class allows for pacing but does not allow for cardioversion. He further stated that the intermediate practical requires the student to go through the paramedic cardiology practical that does require both pacing and cardioversion. There is a concern that intermediates won't be prepared to take the test and they will fail the cardiology section. John is concerned that there is a need to inform training institutions and students are made aware of the need to cover this information. This problem will be addressed by staff to seek an equitable solution.

CPAP . . .

CPAP is currently dead. No one is interested in carrying the banner for this information.

Pediatric Defibrillation . . . (tbutt@dch.org)

Michael Seaver passed out a "Continuing Education Article" (June 30, 2003) that discusses Pediatric Defibrillation: A Window of Opportunity. **Mike** discussed the issue

of pediatric defib as its being taught to lay people. Teachers are currently being taught in Indiana to defibrillate children between the ages 1-8. **Rita Herrington** states AHA is making moves to say its OK to use regular pads on peds if the need is there.

Can the committee recommend that the commission approve AHA recommendations? Judy Hallam made a motion that the EMS Commission accept the current American Heart Association recommendations and guidelines for the delivery of all levels of resuscitation across the life span. Seconded by Steve Garrison. Eight ayes. Unanimous. Motion carries.

Training Institution Manual Information . . .

Information passed out by **Sam** covering instructor information given to the students of the PI course. Information highlights handouts, objectives, and additional information beneficial to the success of the PI class. This is the information that will be included in the Training Institution Manual.

NEW BUSINESS . . .

EMS Coordinator Signature. . .

Leon Bell requested a copy of the BLUE BOOK. He wanted to point out that a signature is required for the ambulance provider, the CEO, and the EMS Coordinator. His question is why does the EMS Coordinator have to sign the blue book? What is he signing for? **Tony** explained that when the EMS Coordinator signs the book he is attesting and accepting the listed in-service.

Under the new law, the EMS Coordinator of the supervising hospital is no longer responsible for training and thus should not/does not have to sign the book.

2004 Emergency Response Conference . . .

Tony discussed the 2004 conference. Scott DeBoer is coming for the Saturday and Sunday of conference. Dr. Ed Racht couldn't come for Friday. Dr. Spiller from southern Indiana will do a general session on Friday. Dr. Dagney from southern Indiana will also be doing something on Friday. This should be a good conference. National Registry will be there to be involved in an instructor roundtable on Saturday. Looking at Dr. Pete Dillman's Wilderness Survival course, maybe a traumatic brain injury course. Ed Vargus' blood loss lab would be a recommendation as an interesting lab.

Tony also asked about the first couple of hours on Friday at conference. Tony would like for us to try putting together some case studies that would include actual runs which would include appearances from patient, emergency workers, etc. making an appearance. It was suggested that we get someone to do Trauma Grand Rounds.

Meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.